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- (1) (U) [REDACTED]
(2) (C/NF) [REDACTED]
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(7) (C/NF) [REDACTED]
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- (10) (S) [REDACTED]
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CHINA: MILITARY LEADERSHIP

THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS WILL AGAIN NOMINATE DENG XIAOPING AS CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE MILITARY COMMISSION DURING THE FIRST SESSION, 24-25 MAR. THIS POST IS A KEY POSITION AND AFFIRMS DENG'S CONTROL OF THE CHINESE MILITARY AS WELL AS SIGNALLING HIS INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO DIRECT STATE AFFAIRS.

5) (S)

CHINA: MILITARY REFORMS

PRESS REPORTS INDICATE PARTY SECRETARY ZHAO ZIYANG IS ADVOCATING THE CONCEPT OF ARMY MODERNIZATION. IN A RECENT SPEECH TO A MILITARY CONFERENCE, HE REPORTEDLY PLACED EMPHASIS ON MILITARY TRAINING AND MODERN WEAPONS. HE DISMISSED THE FORMER CONCEPT OF A PEOPLE'S WAR AS THE KEY TO EVENTUAL VICTORY. ZHAO'S CONCEPT, IF IMPLEMENTED, REPRESENTS A DRAMATIC REFUTATION OF CHINA'S HISTORICAL RELIANCE ON GUERRILLA WAR. THE CONCEPT, WHICH ADVANCES THE IDEA OF A PROFESSIONAL ARMY, WILL PROMULGATE NEW MILITARY REGULATIONS AND WILL ALSO REINTRODUCE A FORMAL RANK STRUCTURE ON 01 OCT. THIS DECISION FURTHER DISCREDITS THE MAOIST PRINCIPLE OF EGALITARIANISM IN THE MILITARY.

6) (C/NF)